

ARRA Vendor / Employment Impact Surveys Due September 23

The ARRA IDEA Preschool and Flow-through Vendor / Employment Impact surveys for the fifth reporting period will be emailed to district administrators on September 16. Completion of the survey(s) is required for any district who has submitted either a preschool ARRA claim or flow-through ARRA claim since February 17, 2009. ALL surveys must be completed and submitted electronically to DPI no later than the close of business on September 23, 2010. Directors should work with their local staff to ensure timely and accurate completion of the survey(s). Please send any questions regarding the survey to dpispedarra@dpi.wi.gov.

IDEA Funding Technical Assistance Page – New FAQs

The Frequently Asked Questions sections on the IDEA Funding Technical Assistance page, www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets.html, have been updated. There is a general FAQ listed under the IDEA Entitlement and Recovery Grants section, and we have also added more detailed questions under each of the topic areas. These are updated as we receive questions from the field.

Equitable Services Set-Aside Update

The Equitable Services Set-Aside technical assistance has been updated to include information on handling unspent set-aside funds based on guidance given at the 2010 OSEP Leadership Mega Conference. Equitable services set-aside refers to the requirement that an LEA set aside and expend a proportionate share of its IDEA grants on providing special education services to parentally placed private school children with disabilities.

If an LEA does not expend the funds set-aside in a fiscal year for equitable services to parentally placed private school children with disabilities, the LEA must obligate the remaining funds for equitable services during a carry over period of one additional year. [34 CFR 300.133(a)(3)]

If an LEA does not expend the funds set-aside within the two year time frame, the LEA is permitted to use unexpended equitable services set-aside funds on other costs allowed under IDEA. The LEA must document it met all equitable services requirements [300.130-300.144]. The requirements include implementing a thorough child find process, establishing services plans for children receiving services, and providing IDEA-funded equitable services in accordance with service plans. (2010 OSEP Leadership Mega Conference, IDEA Fiscal Updates, Session SA4-101, www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/ppt/osep-2010-pppc.ppt)

For additional information on equitable services, please visit www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets.html#setaside. The information addressed in this message can be found on page 4 of the Equitable Services Calculation Technical Assistance Document at http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/lpp-pppc_calc_ta.pdf.